

**December 23, 2020**



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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## ***Christmas Service: Live Nativity Scene***



The Live Nativity Scene will take place at **6:00 pm** **Wednesday Dec. 23, 2020** outside FPCM under the portico. You may participate in several different ways:

1. Drive up in your car and listen with your windows down.
2. Drive up and tune your radio to a posted frequency.
3. Tune in for a Facebook livestream, which will be offered through a member invitation.

The event will be based upon the Scriptural birth narrative, modern day Christian authors, and Pastor Mark's Christmas message. Please join us for this special event!

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## ***First Sunday After Christmas***

Please join us on Sunday for the **First Sunday After Christmas**. We will be live on Facebook at 10:00 a.m.

The Innocence of a Child

Based upon Galatians 4:4-7 and Isaiah 61:10-62:3



### ***Upcoming Events***

**Monday, December 28, 2020** Session Meeting at **6:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, January 3, 2021** Ordination/installation of church officers during the **10:00 a.m.** worship service.

**Sunday, January 10, 2021** Congregational Meeting to vote on the approval of the pastor's terms of call. Members will receive a Zoom invitation for this meeting. The meeting will take place following worship.

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## **Virtual Poinsettias**



Every year our sanctuary is decorated with poinsettias donated by members of the congregation in memory or in honor of loved ones. Due to the pandemic, we will not be buying flowers for the sanctuary, but you are invited to submit the names of those you would like to remember in this way.

Your name and the names of your loved ones will be printed in the bulletin, Steepleviews, on Facebook, and on our website from December 20<sup>th</sup> to January 3. It is not required, but if you would like to make a donation for your virtual poinsettia, all donations collected will be sent to the MHC Warming Center.

If you wish to designate virtual poinsettias, please provide the information below and mail it to the church office with your check (**if you are making a donation, please mark your check "Poinsettia"**). ***Rita will also be sending the order form out via email so be on the lookout for that.***

1. Person(s) requesting virtual poinsettias
2. In honor or memory of (please indicate **"in honor of"** or **"in memory of"**)

Send to First Presbyterian Church, 1901 Patrick Henry Ave., Martinsville, VA 24112

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## Virtual Poinsettias

### In Thanksgiving for/**BY:**

The FPC Family, **Anonymous**

Rob King, **Judith King**

Laura & Dewey Milton and

Daniel Stevens & Alexis Hoeflerlin, **Monica Stevens**

The Session, **Victoria Esarey**

### In Loving Memory of/**BY:**

Jim Baker, **Nancy Baker**

Sonny Benfield, **Sue Benfield**

Jim Ford, **Sandra Ford**

Joe Hinchcliff, **Mark and Tracy Hinchcliff**

Lummie Morris, **Mark and Tracy Hinchcliff**

Anne R. Hollard, **Pearl R. Minter**

Ed Pace, **Joe, Susan and Sam Smith**

Randy and Andrew Stevens, **The Stevens Family**

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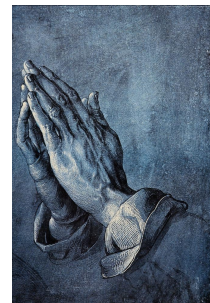
## Prayer Requests

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

### PRAYER CONCERNS

Doc Altizer, Carl and Georgette Bishop, Ernest and Marilyn Bremner (S. Ford), Jim Brunt (N. Davis' brother), Tommy Cobb (M. Dunn), Mallory Hall-DeSantis (B. Tatum), Sandra and Mark Dobrinski (brother and sister in-law of Cynthia), Daniel Handy, Sarah Hastens (Cynthia Dobrinski's niece), Helen Hawkes, Betty Carol Lamm, Eddie Levi, Mary Manning, Laura Stevens Milton, Regenia Noel (M. Stevens), Anne Peterson, Gene Stanley, persecuted Christians and all troops in defense of freedom throughout the world.

Please submit prayer requests to Rita in the church office, (276) 632-3431, [office@fpcmartinsvilleVA.org](mailto:office@fpcmartinsvilleVA.org).



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*Please remember*

## Peanut Butter

Please stay safe, stay healthy

The new food item for First Presbyterian Church for the 4th quarter is **18 oz. peanut butter**. Please consider donating extra when you are able to get out and about as your donations will become more important than ever.

### **Hygiene Items - We are always in need of these items!**

**DECEMBER** Dish Detergent, Deodorant, Laundry Detergent

*\*Items may be brought to church but please call the office to make sure Rita is there. Alternatively, you may drop off at Grace Network, Monday - Friday, 9-2 PM*

Blessings, Tracy

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## Youth Ministry

The Youth will be meeting on **Sunday afternoons at 12pm**. Grab a snack or lunch & join us on **Zoom!** If your middle or high school child would like to join us, please contact Sam at [sam@peakspresbytery.org](mailto:sam@peakspresbytery.org) for an invite link to the Zoom meeting.

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## Presbytery of the Peaks

For updates and announcements, please click on the link below or copy and paste into your web browser:



[https://www.peakspresbytery.org/images/2020\\_Peaks\\_Postings/PP\\_Aug18\\_2020.pdf](https://www.peakspresbytery.org/images/2020_Peaks_Postings/PP_Aug18_2020.pdf)

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## Our Mission

Share God's Love, Embrace Our Neighbors, Nurture Each Other

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[www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/page.cfm/topic/newsletter](http://www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/page.cfm/topic/newsletter)

## Useful Links

FPC website: [www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/](http://www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/) or [www.fpcmartinsvilleVA.org/](http://www.fpcmartinsvilleVA.org/)

FPC online directory: [members.instantchurchdirectory.com/](http://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/)

FPC Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/FPCMartinsvilleVA](http://www.facebook.com/FPCMartinsvilleVA)

Presbytery of the Peaks: [www.peakspresbytery.org/](http://www.peakspresbytery.org/)

Presbyterian Church (USA): [www.pcusa.org/](http://www.pcusa.org/)

Daily Bible Readings: [www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/)

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#### **THE SESSION**

Moderator: Rev. Mark Hinchcliff

Clerk: Nancy Baker

Treasurer: Henry Moore

#### **Class of 2020**

Denny Casey: Christian Education

Ron Rebman: Administration

Kym Tatum: Fellowship

#### **Class of 2021**

Lynn Pritchett: Stewardship

Rob King: Facilities

Monica Stevens: Worship

#### **Class of 2022**

Brooke Cundiff: Mission/Outreach

Pamela Rakes: Communications

Betty Hudson: Congregational Care

#### **TRUSTEES**

2020: Milton Davis, Duke Ferrell

2021: David Garland, Ed Linker

2022: Joan Montgomery, Ashby Pritchett

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